

1 It is a significant day for me, and it is one
2 that I treasure. I am glad to see that there is also a
3 lot of research that is now being done -- contemporary
4 research that is being done. And Mr. Chair has been one
5 of the people who have been devoted to carrying on a
6 significant part of that research from -- in the words
7 of my Majority Leader -- a "black man's perspective."

8 So here it is we have a measure that for many
9 years the information in the National Archives, in the
10 Police Courts -- because what a lot of people who have
11 never gone through the Danish Archives may not know, for
12 a long time, prior to the 1980s, many of these records
13 for the Fireburn and Emancipation were in the Police
14 Court Archives in Denmark.

15 Now where we have technology and the ability for
16 them to have been moved to different areas, where for
17 public consumption within the past 25 years, we can
18 adequately go up and review these documents, is not only
19 astounding, but is a credit to Denmark for them wanting
20 to learn their history.

21 As bad and as dark as part of their history is,
22 they have found this paternalistic way of saying well,
23 we -- and benevolent, in a sense -- because I'm pretty
24 sure, moving forward, as some have stated, we would like
25 to see Denmark play a role in giving some money to the